

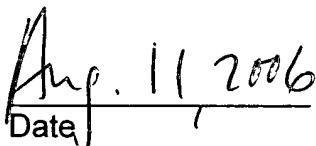
REMARKS

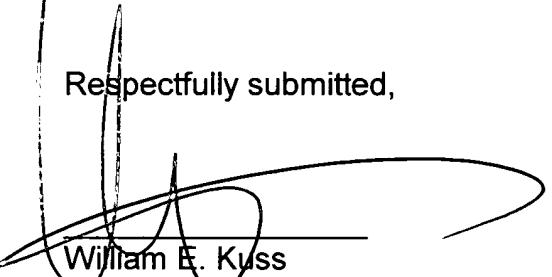
Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments made to the specification, namely the addition of the newly added paragraphs [0019.01] to [0019.14], merely reiterate the language of each allowed independent claim, beginning with claim 117. In addition, the amendments to claims 28, 33, 145, 146, and 167 correct a typographical error noted in the allowed claims.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the above amendments. Applicants submit that the present amendments do not change the scope of the allowed claims or require a new search. Accordingly, Applicants request the Supervisory Patent Examiner to recommend that the present amendment be entered in connection with the subject application.

If the undersigned can be of assistance to the Examiner in addressing any remaining issues in this matter, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Date

  
William E. Kuss  
Reg. No. 41,919  
Customer No. 26,285

KIRKPATRICK & LOCKHART NICHOLSON GRAHAM LLP  
Henry W. Oliver Building  
535 Smithfield Street  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312  
Telephone: (412) 355-6323  
Facsimile: (412) 355-6501